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MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) SPENDING  
PLAN: QUARTERLY REPORTING for Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Quarter 4)  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 9817 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021  
(ARPA)

Submitted electronically via [HCBSincreasedFMAP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HCBSincreasedFMAP@cms.hhs.gov)

To:

On January 4, 2022, the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued its conditional approval of California' Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan, which was originally submitted by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on July 12, 2021, and last updated October 27, 2021, pursuant to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (issued on May 13, 2021) and the State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) # 21-003.

Consistent with the directives outlined in SMDL #21-003, DHCS hereby supplies its Quarterly Spending Plan Projection and Narrative for these HCBS initiatives, representing the quarterly report for Quarter 4 of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021- 2022.

Also consistent with SMDL #21-003, on behalf of the participating California departments, DHCS provides the following assurances for the updated submissions:

- The state is using the federal funds attributable to the increased federal medical assistance payments (FMAP) to supplement and not supplant existing state funds expended for Medicaid HCBS in effect as of April 1, 2021;
- The state is using the state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP to implement or supplement the implementation of one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program;
- The state is not imposing stricter eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for HCBS programs and services than were in place on April 1, 2021;
- The state is preserving covered HCBS, including the services themselves and the amount, duration, and scope of those services, in effect as of April 1, 2021; and
- The state is maintaining HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021.

If you or your staff have any questions or need additional information regarding this HCBS Spending Plan Quarterly Reporting Assurance Letter, please contact Saralyn M. Ang-Olson, JD, MPP, Chief Compliance Officer, by phone at (916) 345-8380, or by email at [Saralyn.Ang-Olson@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Saralyn.Ang-Olson@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- California's Quarterly HCBS Spending Plan Projection for Quarter 4 of FFY 2021-2022 (Excel worksheet);
- California's Quarterly HCBS Spending Plan Narrative for Quarter 4 of FFY 2021-2022 (Word and pdf)

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